

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 799

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to congratulate J.J. Dower upon his induction into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is J.J. Dower, who was inducted into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Campbell County, Mr. Dower is a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University; he has spent his career working in the family real estate and auction business started by his father-in-law in 1957; and

WHEREAS, an auctioneer since 1986 and a real estate broker since 1988, Mr. Dower opened the branch office of Ayers Auction and Real Estate in Oneida in 1996 and co-founded MarkNet Alliance, a national membership-based network of successful auction companies, which he serves as treasurer and chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dower is passionate about the auction industry and has served his associations well; he has served as a board member and president of the Tennessee Auctioneers Association, the National Auctioneers Association, and the National Auctioneers Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he holds three of the most prestigious certifications in the auction industry: the Certified Auctioneers Institute certification, the Accredited Auctioneer of Real Estate certification, and the Auction Technology Specialist certification; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his 2021 induction into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame, Mr. Dower has also been inducted into the Tennessee Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame, honors most befitting his stature as a leader within the auction industry; and

WHEREAS, his notable accomplishments aside, Mr. Dower is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife and high school sweetheart, Traci Ayers; their two daughters, Addison Dower Russell and Alissa Dower Miracle; and their four grandchildren, Dower, Annaleigh, Chip, and Benton; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud J.J. Dower on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend J.J. Dower upon his induction into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.